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EXPLANATION

Additional information is contained in a leaflet accompanying this map.

RECENT LANDSLIDES
Dominantly earth slumps
and earth flows; historically recorded or characterized by fresh scars.
Small landslides enclosed
by triangles.

DEBRIS SLIDES
Slides in steep narrow valleys; primarily rock, soil

PREHISTORIC LANDSLIDES

Dominantly earth slumps
and earth flows characterized by hummocky topogrephy and slump benches;
relatively stable in natural
state but can be reactivated by excavation, loading
and changes in ground and
surface water conditions.
Includes some probable recent landslides not covered
by records examined.

SLOPES WITH CONSPICUOUS
SOIL CREEP
Clayey soils, generally
less than 5 ft. thick, commonly underlain by
weathered shale; characterized by shallow, slow
but distinct, downslape
movement that can be
greatly accelerated by
overloading from fills or
structures.

OUTCROP AREA OF
THICK"RED BEDS" AND
ASSOCIATED ROCKS
Rock weathers rapidly on
expasure; weathered rock
and related soil commonly
result in soil creep and
landslides; cuts and fills
in "red beds" generally
not stable.

RELATIVELY STABLE GROUND

Most slopes have little susceptibility to landsliding unless extensively medified by man; slight soil creep common on undisturbed slope.

STEEP SLOPES
SUSCEPTIBLE TO ROCKFALL
Dominently thick-bedded
sandstone and limestone,
1 to over 10 ft thick; subordinate flaggy sandy shale
and interbedded shale;
highly fractured and locally
undercut by weathering of
shale; in steep natural and
cut slapes and cliffs, 15 to
over 150 ft high.

MAN-MADE FILL

Heterogeneous soil and rock
material; variable susceptibility to slope failure depending on nature of materiels, foundation condition. Fills in older urbanized areas mapped only
where essociated with recont landslides. Fills too
small to be shown by pattem identified by letter "F".

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LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAP OF THE NEW KENSINGTON WEST 7 1/2 QUADRANGLE,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY AND VICINITY, PENNSYLVANIA

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